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SUBJECT: FIRE IN NATIONAL PALACE ARMORY

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THERE FOLLOWS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER TO HAITIAN PEOPLE THIS
MORNING:

"HAITIAN PEOPLE, I INFORM YOU THAT THIS MORNING ABOUT
1:30 WHILE I WAS RESTING IN MY PRIVATE APARTMENTS A SUCCESSION
OF SMALL EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED IN ONE OF THE AMMUNITION MAGAZINES
LOCATED IN THE LEFT WING OF THE NATIONAL PALACE. AFTER
HAVING BEEN INFORMED BY MY FAITHFUL OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS
OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD I ORDERED THE ALARM SOUNDED.
SEVERAL SIREN BLASTS AROUND 1:45 INFORMED THE PEOPLE NEARBY
THAT AN UNEXPECTED EVENT WAS TAKING PLACE AT THE NATIONAL
PALACE. IN THE WINK OF AN EYE THOUSANDS OF DUVALIERISTS
AND FELLOW CITIZENS RUSHED TO PRESENT TO ME AS WELL AS
TO THE FIRST LADY OF THE REPUBLIC AND TO MY FAMILY THEIR
RESPECTS AND TO PLACE THEMSELVES AT OUR ORDERS. I
PERSONALLY TOOK CHARGE OF OPERATIONS, ASSISTED BY
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MY BELOVED MOTHER, MY SISTERS, AND MY DEVOTED COLLABORATORS,
CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, AND WE SUCCEEDED IN LIMITING THE
DISASTER. MEANWHILE EXPLOSIONS CONTINUED UNTIL ALL THE
AMMUNITION IN THE MAGAZINE IN QUESTION WAS CONSUMED. I

TAKE THIS EXCEPTIONAL OCCASION TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE VALOR
AND BRAVERY OF THE COMMANDERS, OFFICERS, AND SOLDIERS OF
ALL THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS, AND ESPECIALLY OF THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT. I INVITE THE HAITIAN PEOPLE TO REMAIN CALM AND
TO GO FREELY AND PEACEABLY ABOUT THEIR USUAL OCCUPATIONS."
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